

## Amendments to the Claims

1.     **(Currently Amended)**     A method comprising:

maintaining, on a server for each of a plurality of computing systems, data specifying which resources are authorized for the computing system;

receiving by a configuration agent at the server an identifier associated with a computing system and/or computing system user; the configuration agent using ~~the received identifier to~~

obtaining, from the server, obtain corresponding data that specifies specifying authorized resources for the computing system corresponding to the received identifier; and

interrogating ~~interrogate~~ the computing system to produce an assessment indicating existing hardware and/or software computing system resources available on the computing system;

comparing the authorized resources with the assessment to identify one or more resources authorized but not installed on the computing system; and

automatically modifying the computing system resources by installing the one or more identified resources.

2.     **(Previously Presented)**     A method according to claim 1, wherein the computing system is provided to the user without the authorized resources being preinstalled.

1           3.     **(Original)**   A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier  
2 associated with a computing system and/or computing system user is received  
3 from the computing system.

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5           4.     **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 1, wherein  
6 the identifier associated with the computing system and/or computing system user  
7 is received from the computing system and/or a communications device associated  
8 with the computing system user, wherein the communications device is not  
9 coupled directly to the computing system.

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11           5.     **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 4, further  
12 comprising:

13                 automatically modifying system resources of the communications device  
14 based, at least in part, on the assessment of the computing system resources.

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16           6.     **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 1, further  
17 comprising :

18                 selectively updating certain of the computing system resources based, at  
19 least in part, on the comparison of the assessed computing system resources  
20 against authorized and available computing system resources.

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22           7.     **(Original)**   A method according to claim 1, wherein the computing  
23 system is a communications device, the method further comprising:

24                 assessing communications device resources;  
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1 comparing the assessed communications device resources against  
2 authorized and available communications device resources; and

3 selectively installing, configuring and/or updating one or more  
4 communications device resources based, at least in part, on the assessed  
5 communications resources.

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7 8. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein  
8 the identifier is received from the computing system and/or a communications  
9 device associated with the computing system user remote from the computing  
10 system, the method further comprising:

11 automatically modifying communications device resources based, at least  
12 in part, on an assessment of the communications device resources.

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14 9. **(Original)** A method according to claim 8, wherein the identifier  
15 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial  
16 number (ESN) of the communications device associated with the user, an  
17 electronic identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number  
18 associated with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing  
19 system.

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21 10. **(Original)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier  
22 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial  
23 number (ESN) of a communications device associated with the user, an electronic  
24 identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number associated  
25 with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

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2 11. **(Original)** A storage medium comprising a plurality of executable  
3 instructions which, when executed, implement a method according to claim 1.  
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5 12. **(Original)** A server comprising:  
6 a storage device having stored therein a plurality of executable instructions;  
7 and  
8 a control unit, coupled to the storage device, to execute at least a subset of  
9 the plurality of executable instructions to implement a method according to claim  
10 1.  
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12 13. **(Previously Presented)** A server comprising:  
13 a storage device to maintain a profile of personal resources specifying, for  
14 each of a plurality of computing systems, which resources are authorized for the  
15 computing system; and

16 a configuration agent, coupled to the storage device, to:  
17 receive an identifier associated with a computing system and/or  
18 computing system user;

19 generate an assessment of the current resources of the computing  
20 system;

21 identify, by comparing the assessment with the authorized resources,  
22 one or more of the authorized resources which are missing from a computing  
23 system ; and

24 automatically configure resources of the computing system to  
25 include the identified resources.

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2 14. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein  
3 an assessment of the computing system resources comprises an assessment of at  
4 least one of an operating system, configuration settings, personalization settings,  
5 Internet settings or application settings on the computing system.  
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7 15. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein  
8 the profile includes a list of identifiers associated with authorized users and the  
9 configuration agent accesses a user profile on the storage device based, at least in  
10 part, on the identifier.  
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12 16. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein  
13 the configuration agent receives the identifier from the computing system and/or a  
14 communications device remote from the computing system associated with the  
15 computing system user.  
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17 17. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 16, wherein  
18 the configuration agent further automatically modifies communications device  
19 resources based, at least in part, on an assessment of communications device  
20 resources.  
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22 18. **(Previously Presented)** A server according to claim 13, wherein  
23 the configuration agent is further configured to update the computing system  
24 resources.  
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1           19.   **(Original)**   A server according to claim 13, wherein the identifier  
2 is one or more of a telephone number associated with the user, an electronic serial  
3 number (ESN) of a communications device associated with the user, an electronic  
4 identifier associated with the computing system, a serial number associated with  
5 one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

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7           20.   **(Previously Presented)**   A server according to claim 13, wherein  
8 the storage device includes a plurality of executable instructions, the server further  
9 comprising:

10           a controller, coupled to the storage device, to execute at least a subset of the  
11 plurality of executable instructions to implement an instance of the configuration  
12 agent.

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14           21.   **(Currently Amended)**   A storage medium comprising a plurality  
15 of executable instructions including at least a subset of which that, when executed,  
16 implement a configuration agent at a server to:

17           maintain, for each of a plurality of computing systems, data specifying  
18 authorized resources for the computing system;

19           conduct an assessment of computing system resources upon receipt of an  
20 identifier associated with the computing system and/or computing system;

21           identify, by comparing the assessment with corresponding data specifying  
22 authorized resources, one or more of the authorized resources which are missing  
23 from the computing system; and

24           automatically download and install on the computing system the missing  
25 authorized resources.

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3       22.   **(Previously Presented)**   A storage medium according to claim 21,  
4 wherein the configuration agent is further configured to update computing system  
5 resources.

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7       23.   **(Original)**   A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein the  
8 configuration agent interrogates the computing system upon receipt of the  
9 identifier to assess computing system resources.

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11       24.   **(Previously Presented)**   A storage medium according to claim 23,  
12 wherein the configuration agent modifies the computing system resources to  
13 include available and authorized resources based, at least in part, on the  
14 assessment of the computing system resources.

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16       25.   **(Original)**   A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein the  
17 computing system is a communications device.

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19       26.   **(Previously Presented)**   A storage medium according to claim 21,  
20 wherein the identifier is received from a communications device remote from the  
21 computing system, and wherein the configuration agent automatically modifies  
22 computing system resources and communications device resources based, at least  
23 in part, on assessment of system resources of the computing system and  
24 communications device.  
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1           27.   **(Previously Presented)**   A computing system comprising:  
2           a storage device having stored thereon a plurality of executable  
3 instructions;  
4           a network interface, communicatively coupling the computing system to a  
5 network; and  
6           a controller, coupled to the storage device and the network interface, to  
7 execute at least a subset of the plurality of executable instructions to make an  
8 assessment of current hardware and/or software resources of the computing  
9 system, and to implement a basic input/output system (BIOS) to issue a  
10 configuration request to the network via the network interface, the configuration  
11 request based on the assessment and including an identifier associated with the  
12 computing system, wherein the configuration request is configured to cause a  
13 recipient of the request to:  
14                 reference the identifier to access corresponding data specifying  
15 authorized resources associated by the identifier with the computing  
16 system;  
17                 compare the assessment to the authorized resources to determine one  
18 or more of the authorized resources missing from the computing system;  
19                 and  
20                 provide the missing authorized resources to the computing system  
21 via the network.

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23           28.   **(Original)**   A computing system according to claim 27, wherein  
24 the computing system is an unconfigured computing system.  
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1           29.   **(Previously Presented)**   A computing system according to claim  
2 27, wherein the controller receives one or more commands to receive and install  
3 computing system resources from network devices remote from the computing  
4 system via the network interface in response to the configuration request.

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6           30.   **(Original)**   A computing system according to claim 27, wherein  
7 the identifier is associated with the computing system and/or computing system  
8 user.

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10          31.   **(Original)**   A computing system according to claim 27, wherein  
11 the computing system is a communications device.

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15          32.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method comprising:  
16 issuing a configuration request from a computing system, wherein the  
17 configuration request includes an identifier associated with the computing system  
18 and/or computing system user and is configured to cause a recipient of the request  
19 to:

20               generate an assessment of the current computing system resources of  
21 the computing system;

22               reference the identifier to access data specifying authorized  
23 computing system resources associated by the identifier with the computing  
24 system; and  
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1           compare the assessment to the authorized computing system  
2           resources to determine one or more of the authorized computing system  
3           resources missing from the computing system; and  
4           receiving a response to the configuration request at the computing system,  
5           the response including the one or more computing system resources missing from  
6           the computing system, wherein the one or more computing system resources are  
7           automatically installed and configured on the computing.

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9           33.   **(Original)**   A method according to claim 32, wherein the one or  
10          more computing system resources are automatically installed and configured in  
11          response to installation and configuration commands received from a remote  
12          computing system.

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14          34.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 32,  
15          wherein the computing system is a communications device.

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17          35.   **(Original)**   A method according to claim 34, wherein the one or  
18          more system resources enable the communications device to communicate over an  
19          additional communications medium.

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21          36.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 32,  
22          wherein the configuration request is issued from a communications device remote  
23          from the computing system associated with the computing system user, the  
24          method further comprising:  
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1 receiving a response to the configuration request at the communications  
2 device including one or more computing system resources, wherein the one or  
3 more computing system resources are automatically installed and configured on  
4 the computing system.  
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